



Office of the Governor
State of Missouri

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Edward Noland Jr., of Marshfield, Missouri, joined the Marshfield Fire Department – Marshfield Fire Protection District in 2000, and served as a Firefighter, Emergency Medical Technician, Assistant Chief and Administrative Deputy Chief during his fifteen years with the department; and

WHEREAS, a United States Army Veteran, Edward Noland Jr. served bravely from 1968 to 1971 in the Army and in the United States Army Reserve from 1980 to 1997, including serving in Operation Desert Storm, and retired from the United States Army Reserve 14th Preventive Medicine Detachment; and

WHEREAS, in a life dedicated to public service, Edward Noland Jr. also served as an Emergency Medical Technician for CoxHealth, as Webster County Deputy Coroner, and as a Marshfield City Alderman; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2011, Deputy Chief Noland was critically injured while fighting a brush fire. Even as he bravely worked at recovery and rehabilitation, Deputy Chief Noland continued to serve the citizens of the Marshfield Fire Department in an administrative capacity before succumbing to his duty-related injuries on March 27, 2015; and

WHEREAS, firefighters courageously and unselfishly strive to ensure the safety and well-being of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Missouri are thankful for the brave individuals in the firefighting profession who consider the welfare of others a personal responsibility and work hard to protect the lives and the property of their fellow citizens.

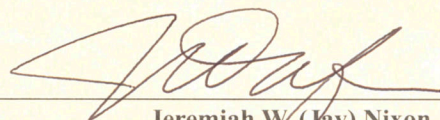
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, as a mark of respect for the death of

DEPUTY CHIEF EDWARD NOLAND JR.

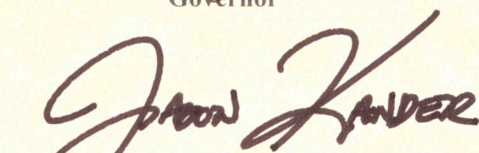
and for his bravery and service to the Marshfield Fire Department – Marshfield Fire Protection District do hereby order that the flag of the United States and the flag of Missouri shall be flown at half-staff at all government buildings in the County of Webster, Missouri, for one full day on April 1, 2015, from sunrise to sunset.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 31st day of March, 2015.




Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

Attest:


Secretary of State